

## House Resolution No. 14

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens or distinguished themselves through significant personal achievement; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize Bill and Virginia Ralls Darr, for their conspicuous and significant contributions to the cause of higher education in the great state of Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Bill Darr graduated from Missouri State University, in Springfield, Missouri, in 1957, and Virginia Darr in 1954; and

**Whereas**, Bill Darr has built several successful and award-winning agriculture-related businesses, including American Dehydrated Foods, and he was honored with Missouri State University's Outstanding Alumni Award in 1995; and

**Whereas**, in 2003, Bill and Virginia Darr received the Bronze Bear Award from Missouri State University, the highest non-academic honor the university awards; and

**Whereas**, Bill Darr served several terms on both the Missouri State University Board of Governors and the Missouri State University Foundation Board of Directors; and

**Whereas**, over the years, the Darrs have contributed their time and resources to support Missouri University's Springfield Campus, including the William H. Darr Agricultural Center, Karls Hall, student scholarships, the Bronze Bear Statue, the Citizen-Scholars Statue, and the Pride Band, among others; and

**Whereas**, Bill and Virginia Darr have also contributed to the West Plains Campus of Missouri State University by supporting the Honors Program and the Grizzly Statue:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our deepest gratitude to Bill and Virginia Darr for their many important contributions to the cause of higher education in our state; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Bill and Virginia Darr.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Charlie Denison  
District No. 135

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 14, adopted January 9, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker